COOKIE CLUB™
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Cookie Club Permission
2010-2011

POLICY
To use the Cookie Club, a Girl Scout must have a permission form signed by her parent or guardian. Before distributing this permission form, please ensure it is accepted by your Girl Scout council. Your council may distribute a permission form that is specific to its needs.

A GIRL SCOUT'S PERMISSION FORM

Parent/Guardian Authorization for Use of the Online Cookie Club
Please review the information below. If you grant permission, please complete this form, sign, and return a hard copy or scanned copy to:

_____ **Email:** _____ **Please return by:** _____

About the Cookie Club
Setting team and individual goals, building business and communication skills, making a difference in the community — these are some of the key processes in the Girl Scout Cookie Activity. By helping girls learn these skills, the Cookie Activity teaches girls important lessons that last far beyond Cookie Season.

The Cookie Club, featuring relevant technology used in today's business world, is an online tool available to girls participating in the Cookie Activity. A girl goes to this password-protected Web site to learn about goals, and set and track her goals. She also can send emails to friends and family asking for cookie "promises" (requests). Cookie customers submit their requests for cookies, which appear in the girl's Cookie Club account along with customer contact information. The transaction then continues in the traditional manner with in-person delivery and payment collection. Girls may not accept online payment for cookies.

Parents are responsible for reviewing their girl's Cookie Club "promises" to ensure they are genuine orders from customers (and not, for example, from young friends with no ability to pay). When parents take possession of cookies, they cannot be returned.

Safety
Safety is our top priority. At no time is the girl's personal email information provided to the customer. In the Cookie Club email, the girl is identified only her troop/group number, age level, and her first name with last initial. The customer's request for cookies is registered automatically as "promises" in the girl's Cookie Club account.

The Cookie Club is a password-protected, private area only for Girl Scouts, their parents and authorized Girl Scout council members. Adult volunteers will require signed permission forms before allowing girls to access the Cookie Club. When a girl enters the site for the first time, she must correctly answer a series of online safety and Cookie Sale safety questions and receive her safety certification before she can proceed.

All email addresses will remain protected and will not be used for anything other than the Girl Scout Cookie Activity. The Cookie Club will sync with eBudde, a tool used by adult cookie volunteers and the council. This will enable the council and Little Brownie Bakers to track participation in the Cookie Club in order to measure how participation impacts the Cookie Activity.

If you give your permission for your girl to participate, you will receive further instructions about how to access the safety certification and Cookie Club area.

How can you help your Girl Scout?
You can learn more about the Cookie Club at **www.littlebrownie.com.** We also encourage you and your Girl Scout to review the online safety pledge provided by Girl Scouts of the USA: **http://www.girlscouts.org/internet_safety_pledge.asp.**

It's important to follow the rules with your Girl Scout. Girl Scouts or their parents cannot sell cookies online—whether it is on a Web site or a commercial auction site. Although girls can ask for online cookie "promises," they cannot accept online payment. The heart of the program experience remains the face-to-face interaction that the public expects. Girls will deliver cookies and accept payment in person, following appropriate safety guidelines. Review all cookie safety rules for online and community selling, and know what her plans are at all times.

The Cookie Club is just one way a girl can engage in the Girl Scout Cookie Activity, and the program requires family support. Consider assisting with deliveries or booth sales. You will be helping your Girl Scout and her team build lifelong skills, realize their dreams, represent Girl Scouting in the community and contribute to council programs that benefit all Girl Scouts in your local area.

Thanks for your support.

Agreement to Access 2010-2011 Little Brownie Bakers' Cookie Club
- I have read the above and fully understand its content.
- I support my Girl Scout in using the Cookie Club online goal-setting and email tools.
- **I will review all Cookie Club "promises" to ensure they are genuine orders.**
- By entering my name and other identifying information on this page, I am registering my agreement for my girl's participation in the Cookie Club.

Girl's Name: _____ **Troop/Group Number:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Please note: If you do not have a computer at home, you may ask an adult volunteer to make arrangements for computer access at a group meeting or provide you with the location of publicly accessible computers in your community.